(7) Creches and childcare centres will be opened in rural and urban slums. This will facilitate and promote participation of women in paid employment.

(8) A wider, affordable choice of contraceptives will be made accessible at diverse delivery points, with counselling services to enable acceptors to exercise voluntary and informed consent.

(9) Facilities for safe abortion will be strengthened and expanded.

(10) Products and services will be made affordable through innovative social marketing schemes.

(11) Local entrepreneures at village levels will be provided soft loans and encouraged to run ambulance services to supplement the existing arrangements for referral transportation.

(12) Increased vocational training schemes for girls, leading to self-employment will be encouraged.

(13) Strict enforcement of Child Marriage Restraint Act, 1976.

(14) Strict enforcement of the Pre-Natal Diagnostic Techniques Act, 1994.

(15) Self loans to ensure mobility of the AMMS will be increased.

(16) The 42nd Constitutional Amendment has frozen the number of representatives in the Lok Sabha (on the basis of population) at 1971 Census levels. The freeze is currently valid until 2001, and has served as an incentive for State Governments to fearlessly pursue the agenda for population stabilisation. The freeze needs to be extended until 2026.

Grants to U.P. for Urban Development

113. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the total financial grants allocated to the State of Uttar Pradesh for Urban Development in various cities during the Ninth Plan;

(b) the details of amount, out of the total grants utilised, so far, by the State Government; and

(c) the action taken / proposed to be taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) and (b) During the Ninth Plan period Central assistance amounting to Rs. 1450.73 lakhs has been released to the State of Uttar Pradesh under the Integrated Development of Small & Medium Towns (IDSMT) scheme. The State Government has reported an expenditure of Rs. 1,626.80 lakhs.

Under the Centrally Sponsored Accelerated Urban Water Supply Programme (AUWSP), Central assistance of Rs. 5,770.92 lakhs has been released to the State Government against which the State Government has reported an expenditure of Rs. 3,904.04 lakhs.

Under the Low Cost Sanitation (LCS) scheme, Central assistance of Rs. 2325.21 lakhs (loan) and Rs. 3711.28 lakhs (subsidy) has been released to the State of Uttar Pradesh during the Ninth Plan period.

Under the Swarna Jayanti Shahari Rozgar Yojana (SJSRY) launched *w.e.f.* 1.12.97 Central funds amounting to Rs. 6854.25 lakhs have been released to Uttar Pradesh. The State Government has reported an expenditure of Rs. 13767.43 lakhs upto 30.9.2001. which includes State share and funds available from old urban poverty alleviation programmes.

Under the National Slum Development Programme (NSDP), Additional Central Assistance of Rs. 17530.95 lakhs was released to the State of Uttar Pradesh during the Ninth Plan period, for slum development. This additional Central assistance consists of 70% loan and 30% grant. The State Government of Uttar Pradesh has reported that a sum of Rs. 13293.88 lakhs has been utilised by them out of the above said released.

(c) Release of subsequent Central assistance is subject to submission of utilisation certificates by the State Government in respect of grants already released. The State Government has been asked to furnish utilisation certificates and progress reports.

MCD building road on paper

114. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to refer to reply to Unstarred Question 3791 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 27th August, 2001 regarding news-item "MCD Building Rs. 2 lacs Road on paper" and state:

(a) whether the Vigilance Department has since completed its enquiry into this case;